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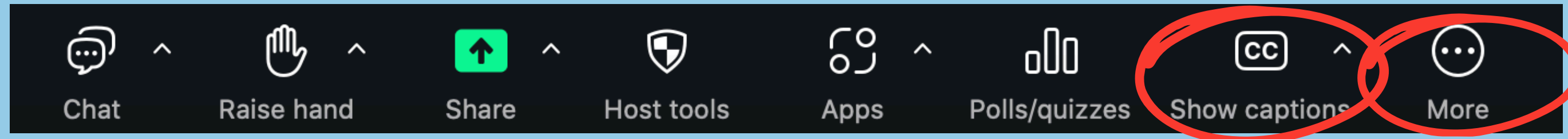
Department of  
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**Follow-up Webinar on:**

**The Future of Governance and New Mindsets, Knowledge & Competencies fit for the 21st Century  
Commitments and Next Steps**

**2 April 2025** | 9.00 am - 10.30 am (EDT) | by invitation only

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# AGENDA



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# Objectives of the Webinar

The Webinar aims to:

-  Share among participants the status of their commitments, including achievements and challenges.
-  Discuss how the implementation of their commitments has helped them or their institutions in discussions with peers about the importance of transformational leadership, changing mindsets and new capacities needed in the public sector in an ever-changing landscape.
-  Share strategies that can support others in their journey of transformation.

# Key Messages from the Workshop

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1. **Governance must evolve** to be more adaptive, inclusive, and anticipatory—able to navigate complexity, uncertainty, and rapid changes in the 21st century.
2. **Changing mindsets and adopting new competencies** is needed to achieve institutional effectiveness, accountability, and inclusiveness, which results in effective SDG implementation.
3. **Achieving SDG localization** requires planning with strategic foresight to drive shifts across policy and regulatory frameworks.
4. **Transformational leadership is essential** to drive large-scale development in Africa and align national strategies with global goals like Agenda 2063.
5. **Digital transformation in Africa** involves bridging the urban-rural digital divide, enhancing digital skills and capacity building, and leveraging international collaboration and best practices.



# Promote the localization of the SDGs 2030 and Africa Africa Agenda 2063 including other frameworks

la nécessité de basculer les <sup>acteurs</sup> ~~acteurs~~ focusés par elle de l'avant dans le cadre d'une politique et stratégies de développement durable qui intègre tous les composants et tous les acteurs pour assurer une meilleure appropriation des actions à mener dans ce sens. Tout comme il est nécessaire de mener des campagnes de communication, c'est en mettant à contribution les outils numériques par une <sup>bonne</sup> gouvernance stratégique intégrée adaptée aux réalités ~~des~~ pays locaux.

1. Take away  
There need for mindset change at individual as leaders and then begin to influence mindset change at institutional level.
2. We need are currently carrying out curriculum reviews. I will propose to mainstream the relevant competences in most of our materials.

Conduite de la fonction publique devant être actualisée pour intégrer des principes internationaux comme ceux de l'agenda 2030

- renforcer l'intégration des principes de l'agenda 2030
- organisation de ateliers de formation sur les ODD pour les acteurs locaux
- renforcer des partenariats avec des institutions internationales pour appuyer les programmes de développement

## Your Commitments/ Vos engagements

TAKEAWAY: \* THE ROLE OF EDUCATION IN LOCAL GOVT, CITIZENRY AND INFRASTRUCTURE \* CUSTOMER FOCUS AND SYSTEMS... COMMITMENT: PROMOTING CAPACITY FOR FUTURE MANAGERS.

### Take away Required

- ① Competencies for 21st century
  - meet objectives of 2063
  - modernised functional structures & systems.

### Action Plan

- ① Inclusive institutional reform
  - mindset change
  - political will
  - People Centred Governance

### Actions Pour le Prochain Trimestre

- Minscure à des cours d'anglais
- Afficher les ODD et les partager dans tous les services de ma région.

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Le 12/12/2024

Action	STRATEGIES		
	Niveau Individuel	Niveau Organisationnel	Niveau Institutionnel
Communication/Sensibilisation sur le Numérique les agents	Création des plateformes pour diffuser les formations sur les agents	* Ateliers de sensibilisation sur le Numérique * Emissions radio télévisées sur le Numérique.	* Site web pour la diffusion des informations sur le Numérique. * Colloques sur le Numérique.



commitment country stakeholders shift  
workshop projects sdg change importance public develop  
mindset  
servants services ownership awareness promote  
changing commit africa training knowledge leaders  
principles local development including  
influence digital governance level administration  
work civil agenda mindsets  
promoting new staff actions implementing  
individual programs learned agent  
management important



développement  
services  
gouvernance  
changement  
d'esprit état  
formation

important dirigeants  
Afrique valeur  
agenda connaissance mentalités  
prise  
commit apprentissage actions importance  
agents arrière pays programmes  
mentalité en parties de  
projets principes œuvre transition responsabilités  
développer civil promouvoir rapport  
appropriation public atelier travail prenantes  
incluant leaders management nouveau  
niveau influence mettre individuel changer  
constante engagement  
administration



# Updates on Commitments by Participants

Mises à jour sur les engagements des  
participants

9:20 - 10:15

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**3 minutes per participant /**  
3 minutes par participant





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- **Mr. Vinannon Gbewlannou Michel Guedou**, Head of Legal Department, Cotonou City Hall, Cotonou, **BÉNIN**
- **Mr. Amédée Pare**, Secretary General, Hauts-Bassins Regional Council, Ouagadougou, **BURKINA FASO**
- **Hon. Ms. Marie Angel Meyanga Espe Noah**, Mayor of Afanloum, Vice President of REFELA, City of Afanloum/ REFELA, Afanloum, **CAMEROON**
- **Ms. Bernadette Yvonne Florence Azegue Yene Ep Ndongo**, Head of the Cooperation Department between the CTDs, Territorial Coach, FEICOM-Cameroon, Yaoundé, **CAMEROON**
- **Ms. Berthe Lohore**, Director of Social, Cultural Affairs and Human Development, Regional Council of Grands Ponts, Abidjan, **CÔTE D'IVOIRE**
- **Mr. Eddy Ilunga**, Director of Initial Training, National School of Administration, DR Congo, Kinshasa, **DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**
- **Ms. Sithembile Vuyisile Simelane**, Territorial Manager, Siteki Town Council, Siteki, **ESWATINI**
- **Mr. Mzwandile Ndzinisa**, Department of Infrastructure, Piggs Peak Town Council, Piggs Peak, **ESWATINI**
- **Dr. Teferi Hailemichael Hassen**, Assistant Professor, Ethiopian Civil Service University; Director, Centre for Sustainable Development, ECSU; President, Ethiopian Society for Public Administration & Management (ESPAM), **ETHIOPIA**
- **Ms. Nancy Claire Juma**, Territorial Manager, Kisumu County, Kisumu, **KENYA**



# Updates on Commitments by Participants

- Hon. Ms. Fatna El K'hief**, President of the Commune of Arbaoua/ Vice President of REFELA, Commune of Arbaoua/ REFELA, Rabat, MOROCCO
- Dr. Samuel Oe-Amseb**, Association of Local Authorities of Namibia (ALAN), Windhoek, NAMIBIA
- Mr. Aaron Bawa**, Territorial Manager, City of Abuja, Abuja, NIGERIA
- Hon. Mr. David Alabi Kolade**, Mayor of the City of Shomolu Bariga / Member of ALGON (Association of Local Government of Nigeria) / Board of CLGF (Commonwealth Local Government Forum), City of Shomolu Bariga/ ALGON/ CLGF, Lagos, NIGERIA
- Mr. Mamadou Bachir Kanoute**, Executive Director, ENDA ECOPOP, Dakar, SENEGAL
- Hr. Hassan Mohamed Sheriff**, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Bonthe District Council, Freetown, SIERRA LEONE
- Mr. Mohamed Maje**, Permanent Secretary General, The Association of Local Authorities of Tanzania (ALAT), Dodoma, TANZANIA
- Hon. Mr. Murshid Hashim Ngeze**, President, Association of Local Authorities of Tanzania (ALAT), Dodoma, TANZANIA
- Mr. Lamin Kujabi**, Director of Planning and Development, Kuntaur Area Council, Banjul, THE GAMBIA
- Dr. John-Mary Kauzya**, Professor, Stellenbosch University of South Africa, Kampala, UGANDA
- Dr. John Nakabago**, President/ Director of Finance and Administration of UMI, African Association for Public Administration (AAPAM)/ Uganda Management Institute (UMI), Kampala, UGANDA





# Next Steps and Peer-to-Peer Networking

10:15 - 10:25



**Moderator: Dr. Cristina A. Rodriguez-Acosta**, Inter-regional  
Advisor, PMCDU/DPIDG/UN DESA



# Closing

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